

***'I WILL WORK TIRELESSLY AT IT'***

## Jenny Sewell Appointed Mayor

By  
Carolyn Walker

As of Tuesday night, Dawson Springs has a new mayor. In a special called meeting, the city council appointed Jenny Sewell interim mayor by a unanimous vote. She replaces Ross Workman who resigned one week earlier. A swearing-in ceremony was scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Kenny Mitchell said the citizens spoke about who they believe is the right choice in 2010's very close mayoral race. Sewell challenged Workman in that race, losing by just 12 votes.

"I've worked with Jenny for 20 years," said Ray Bochert. "She has Dawson Springs at heart. I think it's just wonderful that she has the opportunity to sit in that chair."

Like most of Dawson Springs, Sewell said she read about Workman's resignation in the newspaper last Wednesday. However, soon after the story broke, council members began to approach her about the possibility of stepping into the mayor's position.

"It took some thought," she said



**NEW mayor Jenny Sewell receives congratulations from former mayor Deward Stallins after she was appointed by the city council Tuesday. Looking on is council member Ray Bochert.**

of her decision to accept. "I did pray about it, and I felt clear."

Although she has begun to gener-

ate some ideas for the future, she is concerned at this point with a smooth transition for everyone concerned.

"I need to take stock of where we are presently," she said, adding that she will visit with department heads

and council members to see what is on their minds as far as projects they would like to continue.

Central to her goals for the city is economic development.

"That is for stimulation of small business as well as industrial development," she said. "This is an overall goal that I will ask the city to work toward."

Sewell said she realizes this will be a difficult job, but she sees it as an opportunity which came at the right time for her and for the city.

"I will work tirelessly at it, and I will ask the council to support me and work hard at it too," she said.

In her remarks following Tuesday's meeting, she noted her concerns for local issues such as employment, the declining population and tax base development.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the City Council of Dawson Springs for appointing me as the interim mayor," Sewell said. "I look forward to working with you all to continue the course of development of Dawson Springs, Ky. — 'A Very Special Place.'"



**CHRIS HAULK of B.W. Akin Co. and local fireman D. J. Oldham help guide the city's new generator into place behind the municipal building Friday, Jan. 6 while Charlie Hamby operates the crane which moved it. City offices were closed Monday in order to wire the building for the emergency generator.**

## United Central Will Expand Its Madisonville Operations Facility

The Madisonville/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation and United Central announced United Central Industrial Supply will expand its Madisonville operations facility.

"The expansion of the Madisonville location from 15,000 square feet to 31,000 square feet enhances our ability to better serve

the midwestern mining and industrial community with our portfolio of premium products and services," said Darrell Cole, president and CEO of United Central.

United Central, located at 1160 National Mine Drive, employs 12 people in Madisonville. This expansion is expected to lead to an increase in employment.

## 87 PERCENT OF KENTUCKIANS

## Most Want To Vote On Gambling

By  
Janet Patton  
and Jack Brammer  
The Herald-Leader

Kentuckians overwhelmingly support putting a casino-gambling constitutional amendment on the November ballot, where it probably would pass, according to a new survey conducted for racetracks and horse-racing interests.

According to numbers released recently, 87 percent of Kentuckians want to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow casino gambling. Only 10 percent of those surveyed

said they opposed a vote.

Also, according to the poll released, 64 percent would vote in favor of the amendment.

"Once again, a new poll shows Kentuckians demand an opportunity to vote on expanded gaming," Gov. Steve Beshear said. "The call for a direct vote by the people of this state has only gotten stronger over the last few years, and we should not make our citizens wait a moment longer to have their voices heard."

The Family Foundation, a conservative advocacy group that opposes expanded gambling, questioned the poll.

"This survey was bankrolled by the gambling industry," said Martin Cothern, spokesman for The Family Foundation. "It showed what they wanted it to show."

Beshear said one of his top priorities for the upcoming legislative session, which begins Jan. 3, "will be a constitutional amendment to take the gaming question directly to our people. It's time for Kentuckians to decide the state's future on expanded gaming." Beshear has said that any expansion must include racetracks and the horse industry.

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## BEGAN WITH DROUGHT CONCERNS

## 2011 One Of Wettest Years Ever

From the  
KPA News Content Service

Although 2011 began with lingering concerns about drought, the year ended as one of the wettest on record in Kentucky, according to state climatologist Dr. Stuart Foster.

While final numbers from the National Climatic Data Center are not yet available, Foster said the statewide average precipitation total from the Kentucky Mesonet, Kentucky's official source of climatological observations, exceeded 63 inches and placed 2011 along with 1979 and 1950 as the wettest years in

Kentucky in more than a century.

The statewide average precipitation between 1895 and 2010 is 47.5 inches, said Foster, director of the Mesonet and the Kentucky Climate Center at Western Kentucky University. The state's 1950 average was 62.93 inches, while the 1979 average was 62.86.

The highest totals for 2011 were recorded at the Mesonet stations in Union County (73.78 inches), Crittenden County (73.24 inches) and Breckinridge County (72.35 inches).

The Kentucky Mesonet has 61 stations statewide that collect real-time weather and climate data on tempera-

ture, precipitation, humidity, solar radiation, wind speed and direction. Data is packaged into observations and transmitted to the Kentucky Climate Center every five minutes, 24 hours per day, throughout the year and is available online at [www.kymesonet.org](http://www.kymesonet.org).

"The state experienced an extended wet spell lasting through the month of April and into the first week of May," Foster said. "The highest precipitation totals occurred in the lower Ohio River Valley, resulting in widespread flooding. Totals for the period ex-

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## PREVIOUSLY WAS DIRECTOR AT LBL FROM 1996 TO 1998

## Former Mayor Begins New Job As Planetarium Director

By  
Carolyn Walker

"I've got my work cut out for me, but I'm ready," said former mayor Ross Workman who began his new job as director of the Golden Pond Planetarium at Land Between the Lakes Monday.

Workman previously worked at the planetarium from February 1996 to December 1998 but left when the facility changed management and faced possible closing. However, Workman said if he ever had the opportunity to return, he would do so.

That opportunity knocked last month, and within a short time Workman was on his way

back to the job he loved. He interviewed Dec. 14 and was offered the position Dec. 22.

The intervening years have not been idle ones for Workman. He became a business owner and held a seat on the Dawson Springs City Council before deciding to throw his hat into the ring in the 2006 mayor's race.

He lost that contest to the incumbent, Stacia Peyton, by a mere 25 votes; but when Peyton, who served from 1994 to May 2008, resigned to take a state government position, Workman was appointed mayor. He ran unopposed in November of that year, and in 2010 ran against Jenny Beshear Sewell, winning that race by

only 12 votes.

Council members and city employees were shocked by the mayor's resignation just one year into a four-year term. The relationship with his colleagues is what Workman will miss most.

"I have been very blessed with the people I have worked with," he said. "One thing I'm really going to miss is that working relationship."

Among his primary goals in office was filling the factories, a task that proved to be daunting.

"The recession has really hurt small towns in Kentucky," Workman said. "Dawson Springs is not alone in not attracting industry and busi-

nesses. It's a tough market."

He praised the city council and budget committee for their efforts in running the city "on a shoestring budget."

"We have tried to be the best stewards of the public funds as we can be," Workman said. "I think Janet (Dunbar) has done an outstanding job maintaining the budget, working within our means."

He would also have liked for a new, efficient city building to be constructed on his watch, but although these goals were not reached during his tenure, he expects to see them come about under future mayors.

"I really can't say I have any



**FORMER mayor Ross Workman confers with city police chief Bill Crider during the 2009 ice storm.** file photo

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# Nortonville Man Arrested And Charged With Rape

A Nortonville man was arrested on rape charges after a 14-year-old female reported Dec. 31 that she had been sexually assaulted by an individual by the nickname of “Mann.”

“Mann” was later learned to be Emmanuel L. Bell, 27, of Nortonville. The investigation resulted in an arrest

warrant being issued, and Bell was arrested Jan. 5 by Deputy Ryan Bailey of the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department.

Bell was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center, charged with first-degree rape.

Detective Matt Sanderson was the reporting deputy.

# Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Dec. 30 through Jan. 5.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

**Covenant Community Church — 100**

No violations.

**Dairy Queen (Dawson Springs) — 100**

No violations.

**Doug Bo’s — 100**

No violations.

**EZ Shop #5 (North Main) — 99**

Minor violations include:

•Various ceiling tiles in need of replacing.

**Short’s Grocery #3 (St. Charles) — 95**

Minor violations include:

•Lids missing from garbage disposal

•Restroom out of order

•Floor tile in poor repair

•Wall above three-compartment sink in poor repair.

**Subway (Madison Square) — 98**

Minor violations include:

•Ice scoop stored on top of ice machine.

# KSP Reports 5 Road Deaths During New Year’s Holiday

Five people died in four separate crashes on Kentucky roads during the New Year’s holiday period beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 30 and extending through 11:59 p.m. Jan. 2.

All the fatalities involved motor vehicles, and two of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

Single-fatality crashes occurred in Harlan, Jefferson and Perry counties. The crash in Harlan County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One double-fatality crash occurred in Owen County.

Through Dec. 31, 2011, preliminary statistics indicate 715 people lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2011. This is 45 fewer fatalities than

reported for the same time period in 2010.

Of 570 motor vehicle fatalities, 289 victims were not wearing seat belts. Sixty-five of those crashes involved commercial motor vehicles. Sixty-one crashes involved motorcycles, and 34 of the victims were not wearing helmets. Twenty-five crashes involved ATVs, and 21 victims were not wearing helmets. Fifty-three crashes involved pedestrians, and two involved bicycles. Two crashes involved scooters, and two involved horse-drawn vehicles. A total of 121 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

# 10 Die On Kentucky Roads From Jan 2 Through Jan.8

Ten people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Jan. 2 through Jan. 8.

Eight of the fatalities involved motor vehicles, and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts.

Single-fatality crashes

occurred in Adair, Jefferson, Larue, Laurel, Marion, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. The crash in Adair County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One double-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Greenup County.

One motorcycle fatality occurred in Marshall County.

Through Jan. 8, preliminary statistics indicate 13 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is four more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2011.

Of 12 motor vehicle fatalities, six victims were not wearing seat belts. One of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. One crash involved a motorcycle, and that victim was wearing a helmet. One fatality resulted from a crash involving the suspected use of alcohol.



EMMA MIDKIFF talks to Santa Claus during his visit to the Dawson Springs Preschool Thursday, Dec. 15.

photo by Tim Midkiff

# Cell Phone Use Is Banned For Commercial Drivers

Effective Jan. 3, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration banned the use of all hand-held mobile communication devices while operating a commercial motor vehicle. The ban also prohibits the use of any hand-held mobile communication device in commercial motor vehicles while stopped at a temporary traffic control device such as a traffic light or a stop sign. The new regulation allows for a one-button use for the purposes of initiating, answering or terminating a call. The new regulation will allow for full operation of the mobile device in an emergency situation in order to communicate with law enforcement or other

emergency services.

In an attempt to decrease the number of collisions caused by inattentive drivers, the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration has implemented these new revisions to the safety regulations in hopes of ensuring the drivers of these larger vehicles focus 100 percent of their efforts on their surroundings while driving.

“Safety regulations have been in place for some time prohibiting texting while driving,” said Capt. Marcus Schenpp, regional commander, but this is one more step to ensuring that there are fewer distractions that may take the driver’s eyes off the road.”

# Indiana Youngster Injured In W. Ky.Parkway Mishap

A 3-year-old New Albany, Ind., girl was injured in a single-vehicle accident on the Western Kentucky Parkway Jan. 4.

Kentucky State Police report Trinitie Salkeld was transported to Regional Medical Center for treatment after the car in which she was riding overturned in a ditch. The driver, Rebecca Salkeld, 23, also of New Albany, swerved to avoid a deer and lost control of her vehicle at approximately the 25-mile marker.

Rebecca Salkeld and another

passenger, Paul Schmidt, 31, of State College, Pa., were uninjured. All subjects were using restraints.

Trooper Jonathan Carlock was the investigating officer. Trooper Carlo Anderson, the Dawson Springs Police Department, the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department, the Dawson Springs Volunteer Fire Department and Medical Center ambulance Service assisted at the scene of the accident which occurred at 11:42 p.m.

# Two People Are Injured In Two-Vehicle Accident

A traffic accident on Hubert Reid Road sent two Madisonville people to Regional Medical Center Sunday.

According to the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department, Hunter Conley, 16, of Madisonville, was driving west on Hubert Reid Road when he slowed and pulled onto the right shoulder of the road. Kevin Darnell, 19, also of Madisonville, began to pass Conley on the left side. As Dar-

nell was passing, Conley began to make a U turn in the road, pulling into the path of Darnell’s vehicle. Both vehicles suffered severe damage.

Darnell and his passenger, Lindsey Darnell, 20, were transported by private vehicle to RMC where they were treated and released. Conley and his two juvenile passengers did not report any injuries at the scene.

Otis Chamberlain was the reporting deputy.

# 3 Hopkinsville Residents Arrested For Robbery

Three Hopkinsville residents were arrested Monday by Kentucky State Police.

According to KSP, Post 2 received a call from Hopkins County Dispatch in reference to an attempt to locate two vehicles that had been involved in an armed robbery. The victim, Iria Kittinger, 38, of Madisonville, was following another vehicle occupied by subjects who had just robbed him at gunpoint at his residence. The two vehicles were traveling south on the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyryle Parkway.

Post 2 units located the suspect vehicle on Ky. 800 in Crofton and conducted a traffic stop. During a search of

the vehicle, officers located firearms and marijuana. The occupants of the vehicle were arrested without incident.

Tyrone Poindexter, 30, was charged with first-degree robbery, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Deandrea Grimes, 21, was charged with first-degree robbery, and Jeremiah Poindexter, 24, was charged with first-degree robbery and possession of marijuana.

All three subjects were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center. Trooper First Class John Komar is continuing the investigation.

# Dawson Springs Officers Report Week’s Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week.

—A 14-year-old Dawson Springs male was detained Jan. 2 at the Dawson Springs Police Department. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Ruby S. Adamson, aka Ruby DeHart, 31, 2250 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville, was arrested Jan. 3 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with theft by deception (cold check under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Ruby S. Adamson, aka Ruby DeHart, 31, 314 W. Hall St., was arrested Jan. 4 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with two counts of theft by deception (cold checks under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Earl F. Nelson, 20, 530 Lucas Circle, was arrested Jan. 6 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with nonpayment of fines. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Ruby S. Adamson, 31, 314 W. Hall St., was arrested Jan. 6 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with theft by deception (cold check under \$500) and nonpayment of fines. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Nancy A. Holeman-Holmes, 63, 210 Oak Heights, was arrested Jan. 8 at her residence. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Sean T. Ford, 32, 325 S. Hopkinsville Road, Hopkinsville, was arrested Jan. 8 at 2250 Laffoon Trail,

Madisonville. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Jeremiah D. Chapman, 29, 642 Hall St., Madisonville, was arrested Jan. 8 at 2250 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Asa C. Latham, 2, 1121 Eastside Lane, Apt. A6, Madisonville, was arrested Jan. 8 at 2250 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Larry W. Harvey Jr., 41, 68 Morris Sisk Road, Nortonville, was arrested Jan. 8 at 2250 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Candice S. Barber, 19, 225 Brown Road, Lot 33, Madisonville, was arrested Jan. 8 at 2250 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville. She was charged with nonpayment of fines. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

Two Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Candis M. Spinks, 31, 105 E. Hall St., Apt. C, was charged Jan. 4 with theft by unlawful taking and second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Joshua K. Schneider, 28, 307 Walnut St., was charged Jan. 7 with nonpayment of fines.

# Congressman Ed Whitfield Will Run For Re-Election

Congressman Ed Whitfield announced Wednesday that he will seek re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012.

Whitfield, Chairman of the Energy and Power subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives, cited job creation, the nation’s debt, job killing federal regulations and regaining competitive economic advantage for his decision to seek re-election.

“Our first priority must be to put Americans back to work,” said Whitfield. “That means producing our own energy with Kentucky coal, completing the

Keystone oil and gas pipeline and developing all practical forms of low cost energy.”

Looking ahead, Whitfield plans to continue his focus on developing a domestic energy agenda that draws on all forms of energy resources, from coal and nuclear to hydropower, natural gas and alternative energy supply. That includes particular emphasis on use of Kentucky coal. Whitfield also plans to champion infrastructure development and the jobs that come with it, including completion of Interstate 69 and badly needed repairs and maintenance of our inland waterways and harbors.

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# More Funding Is Received For Heating Aid Programs

Kentucky's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will receive \$9.5 million in additional federal appropriations.

"The availability of home heating assistance is critical at this time of the year," Gov. Steve Beshear said. "More funding means more Kentucky families can apply for assistance to stay warm during the colder months."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released additional funding to help eligible low-income families meet their home energy needs — bringing the total available funds since Oct. 1, 2011, to \$2.6 billion.

Kentucky's total funding for the fiscal year is \$46.4 million.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) administers the LIHEAP program in Kentucky through a contract with Community Action Kentucky (CAK), which disburses benefits through Community Action Agencies (CAA) across the state.

Every county has at least one staffed CAA office, according to the cabinet.

Beshear immediately made the additional funds available to local CAAs once his administration received notice of the funds for heating assistance.

LIHEAP's first winter funding phase, for all eligible families who need heating assistance, ended in December. The program's crisis phase, for families facing a home-heating emergency, began Jan. 4 and ends March 31 or when funding runs out.

CHFS Secretary Janie Miller said the additional funding

will infuse needed assistance to low-income families across the state.

"When energy usage increases during winter's harsher weeks, it can be a struggle for families to keep up with the costs," she said. "With this funding, we can reach those households that need emergency assistance to help keep warm this winter."

Miller said CHFS and CAK are helping as many families as possible with the money. Last year, Kentucky served about 171,218 unduplicated families through both winter phases.

Families that can most benefit from LIHEAP may include seniors, young children or people with disabilities, Miller said.

LIHEAP is a short-term aid program available to clients at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, a family of four must have a monthly income of no more than \$2,422.

Families applying at their CAAs during the crisis component must bring a past due or disconnect notice from their utility provider.

Having past due or disconnect notices are not the only criteria that make households eligible for LIHEAP. If an individual or family is within four days of running out of fuel, they may also be eligible for assistance if their primary heat source is propane, fuel oil, wood or kerosene. This provision also applies if they have received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent and home heating cost is included as an undesignated portion of their rent.

# KET's January Schedule Offers Varied Programs

On the next Masterpiece Mystery, Benedict Cumberbatch stars in "Sherlock: A Study In Pink."

When an unidentified woman dressed all in pink turns up murdered, Sherlock must catch the killer.

"Sherlock" airs on KET Sunday, Jan. 15 at 9 p.m.

A new breed of experts approach "cold case" art mysteries as if they were crime scenes in "Nova: Mystery of a Masterpiece."

In this KET program, follow art sleuths as they deploy new techniques to combat the multi-billion dollar criminal market in stolen and fraudulent art.

"Mystery of a Masterpiece" airs Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

KET will air "Great Performances: Tony Bennett: Duets II" Friday, Jan. 27.

Bennett's second duets album includes Lady Gaga, Aretha Franklin, Willie Nelson and Norah Jones, among others, and features Amy Winehouse's final performance before her death in July 2011.

The show airs at 9 p.m.

Experts from Kentucky colleges and universities will answer viewers' questions about paying for college in KET's "2012 College Financial Air Call-in" Monday, Jan. 23, at 9 p.m.

## OBITUARIES

### Services Are Held Monday For W. Paul Beshear, 85

The funeral for William Paul Beshear, 85, of Dawson Springs, was held Monday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Beshear officiated. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Beshear died at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 2012, at his home.

He was born Nov. 10, 1926, to the late Dennie Madison Beshear and Ida Rambo Beshear.

He retired from Island Creek Coal Company in Providence after 28 years as a miner. He was of the Pentecostal faith, and he and the late Bryan Duncan were instrumental in starting the perpetual fund for the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, Beshear was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Brown; and two brothers, Dennis Ray Beshear and James Curtis Beshear; and a grandson, Christopher David Beshear, Feb. 1992.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lena Lamb Beshear, Dawson Springs; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. David and Charlotte Beshear, Dawson Springs; a daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Glenn Washburn, Dawson Springs; a



PAUL BESHEAR

sister, Lucille Moore, Lake Station, Ind.; two grandchildren, Nathan Stallins, Princeton, and Amy Stallins (Shannon) Albro, Greenville; and a great-grandson, Zander LaRay Albro, Greenville.

Pall bearers were the Rev. David Beshear, Curtis Beshear, Bobby McKnight, Jimmy Lamb, Glenn Cotton and Donald Rambo.

Honorary pall bearers were Nathan Stallins, Shannon Albro and Scott Summers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walnut Grove Cemetery Fund, c/o Beshear Funeral Home, P.O. Box 245, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

### First Baptist W.M.U. Meets

The First Baptist Church W.M.U. met Jan. 3 with nine members present. The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by Wanda Hughes. Ruth Buzzard gave the program on God's Plan, Our Part.

The group discussed a mission trip to Eastern Kentucky in the late spring. Hughes will check on suitable projects.

Lou Nell Hensley read the minutes in the absence of Louise Russell. Hensley also gave the treasury and flower

reports. All were accepted as read.

Wanda Lynn gave the Prayer Patterns with the focus on Age-gan Turks. She also read the names of missionaries having birthdays. Buzzard led in prayer, and refreshments were served by Lynn.

Those in attendance were Hensley, Lynn, Buzzard, Hughes, Shirley Menser, Dorothy Menser, Norma Russell, Jean Wood and Nancy Jones.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 7.

### Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, children's names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

### Attend The Church of Your Choice

# Experts List Symptoms For Women's Awareness

Pelvic pain and abnormal bleeding aren't the only signs of gynecologic cancer. As part of Cervical Health Awareness Month in January, experts at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center share other symptoms that often are overlooked.

More than 80,000 women in the United States are diagnosed each year with a gynecologic cancer, such as cervical, endometrial (also known as uterine) or ovarian cancer.

"Unfortunately, because symptoms for these cancers are often vague, many women mistake them for other less serious conditions," said Dr. Therese Bevers, medical director of MD Anderson's Cancer Prevention Center. "So, it's important to know exactly what to look for because gynecologic cancers are usually most treatable when found early."

Here are 10 symptoms of cervical and other gynecologic cancers that every woman should watch for.

"Alert your doctor if these symptoms appear, especially if you've already gone through menopause," Bevers said.

1. Swollen leg. Does one leg look or feel swollen for no reason? This may be a sign of cervical cancer. Typically, though, a swollen leg isn't a sign of cancer unless there's also pain, discharge or other cervical cancer symptoms.

2. Abnormal vaginal bleeding. More than 90 percent of women diagnosed with endometrial cancer experience irregular bleeding. Women who've already undergone menopause should have any bleeding — including spotting — evaluated. Women who haven't gone through menopause should see a doctor about bleeding between periods, heavy bleeding or bleeding during sex.

3. Unexplained weight loss. Women who suddenly lose more than 10 pounds without changing diet or

exercise habits should see their doctor.

4. Vaginal discharge colored with blood. Bloody, dark or smelly discharge usually signals infection. But sometimes, it's a sign of cervical or endometrial cancer.

5. Constantly needing bathroom breaks. Constantly need to use the bathroom or feel continuous bladder pressure? This may be a sign of cancer. "Take note especially if you also feel full, have abdominal pain and experience bloating," Bevers said.

6. Loss of appetite or constant feeling full. Never hungry anymore? Or constantly full? These appetite changes may be symptoms of ovarian cancer.

7. Pain in the pelvis or abdominal area. Ongoing abdominal pain or discomfort — including gas, indigestion, pressure, bloating and cramps — can signal ovarian cancer. And, constant pelvic pain or pressure can be a sign of endometrial cancer.

8. Belly bloat. Women often feel bloated after eating or drinking a lot, especially during their menstrual cycles. But a woman may have ovarian cancer if she continues feeling bloated for more than two weeks or after her period ends.

9. Constant fatigue. A little rest should typically cure fatigue. But women should see a doctor if fatigue constantly interferes with work or leisure activities.

10. Persistent indigestion or nausea. Feeling queasy for an extended period of time? Occasionally, persistent indigestion or nausea can signal gynecologic cancers, so play it safe and see a doctor.

"Remember, having one or more of these symptoms doesn't mean you have cancer," Bevers said. "But if they last two weeks or longer, see your doctor. After all, it's better to be safe than sorry."

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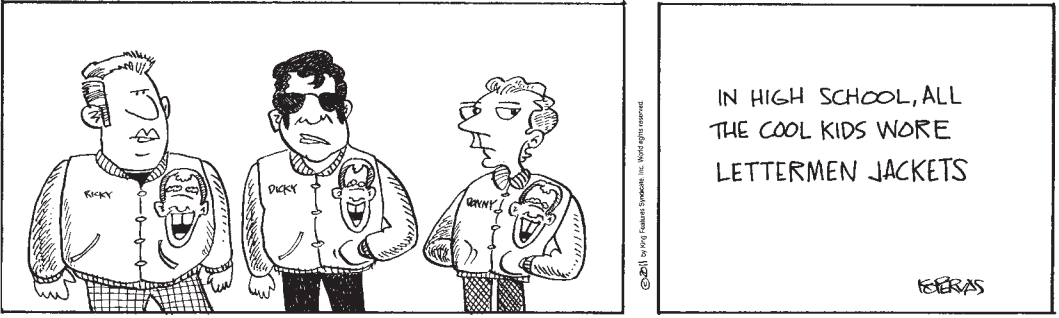
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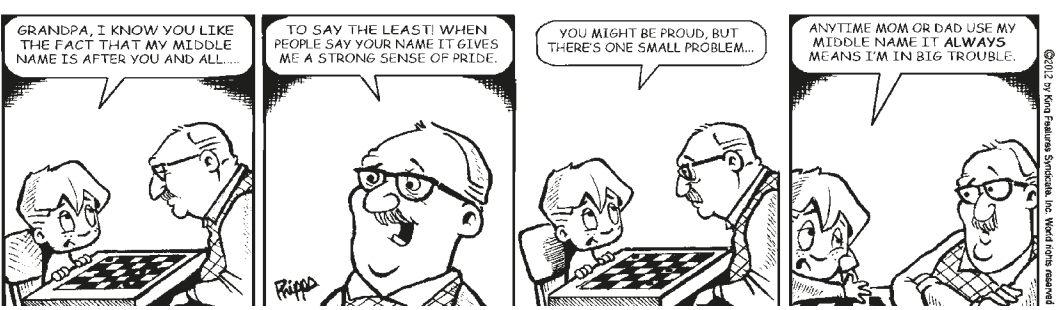
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by Linda Thistle

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.  
**Stroke: Quick Action Saves Brain Cells**

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Six years ago, my father died of a stroke. My mother tried to rouse him from bed, but he responded with confusion and was unable to speak. She called for an ambulance. He was in the hospital only four hours before he died. The doctor said he would have lived if he had gotten treatment sooner. My mother has felt guilty about this ever since.

She lives with us now. I don't want to miss a stroke if she has one. How do you recognize one, and what should be done right away in an emergency? -- T.B.

ANSWER: Nearly 900,000 strokes occur yearly in the United States, and of those victims, 200,000 die. Many of the survivors are left with great disabilities. Strokes come in two types: One is an ischemic (is-KEY-mick) stroke, and the other is a hemorrhagic stroke. "Ischemic" means "deprived of blood." It's the more common kind of stroke, accounting for 80 percent of all strokes. The flow of blood to part of the brain is blocked by a clot in an artery. It's the brain's equivalent of a heart attack. The other 20 percent comes from bleeding in the brain, a hemorrhagic stroke.

Signs of either kind of stroke include slurred speech, sudden confusion, numbness of the face, arm or leg, trouble seeing, dizziness and severe headache. Many advocate testing the person to decide if a stroke has occurred. Asking the affected person to stick out his or her tongue and seeing if it deviates to the side is one of those tests. Don't waste time doing tests. Immediately call 911.

I'm limiting what I say about treatment to strokes resulting from the obstruction of blood flow. Brain cells begin to die within minutes. However, there's a three-hour window during which clot-dissolving medicines can be given. They almost always lead to a full recovery of function. Now the window has been opened wider, to 4 1/2 hours. That doesn't detract from the important message that the earlier the treatment, the better the result.

The booklet on strokes tells their signs and their treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 902W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband is very nearsighted and has to wear thick glasses. I'm not. I don't wear glasses at age 50. We have four children. What are their chances of having to wear glasses? -- E.P.

ANSWER: Nearsightedness (myopia) indicates that the eyes can see things that are near. Nearsighted eyes don't see distant objects clearly. It's a common eye condition, and genetic involvement in it is high.

If one parent is nearsighted, the children have a 24 percent chance of also being nearsighted. If both parents are nearsighted, the children's risk increases to 48 percent.

If neither parent is affected, the children have an 8 percent chance of developing nearsightedness. Factors other than genes have to be at work. (Don't believe these percentages with unquestioning acceptance. I don't.)

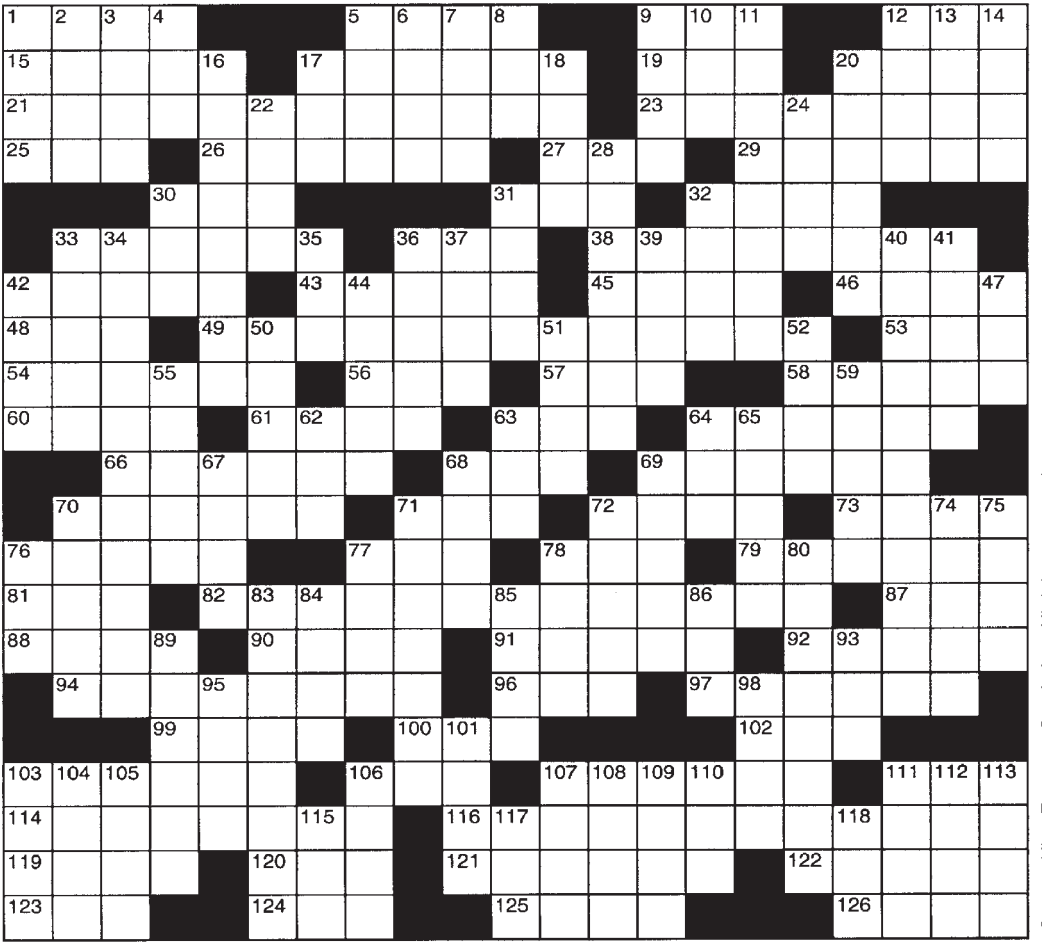
Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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85 Medieval menial  
86 — de plume  
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95 Apparel  
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101 Stud site  
103 Lhasa —  
104 Cabbage concoction  
105 Philosopher  
106 Bronte heroine  
107 Where to find an onager  
108 "Veni, vidi, —"  
109 Markey or Bagnold  
110 Fisherman's snare  
111 Chaiky cheese  
112 Skates  
113 Gumbo thickener  
115 Absent  
117 City on the Danube  
118 Ashen



SOAP BUBBLES

EDITOR'S NOTE: The last episode of "One Life to Live" will air on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Steffy and Bill continued to plot to keep Liam and Hope apart at the resort. Katie had a theory about why Bill was so invested in Steffy staying married to his son. Ridge was torn between Steffy's happiness and what she really deserved. Steffy got into an accident, causing Liam to reassess his feelings for his wife. Katie tried to keep the news of Steffy's condition away from the press. Liam finally made a choice between Hope and Steffy. Wait to See: Nick serenades Donna.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jennifer decided to give Nicole a taste of her own medicine. Sami's first day at work brought an unexpected request from Kate. Marlena hoped to make up for the past by helping Will with his private struggle. Meanwhile, Will had plans of his own -- to leave Salem for good. Carrie and Rafe had a difficult time getting their business up off the ground. Chad and Melanie decided to start over. A day at the spa revealed the true romantic intentions of Gabi and Quinn. Wait to See: The mystery surrounding Alice's secret continues to unfold.



Melissa Claire Egan is "Chelsea" on "The Young and the Restless"

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Michael ended his friendship with Jason after finding out that he knew all along that Jax was alive. Sam was worried that she was pregnant with Franco's baby. Elizabeth found herself being drawn to Ewen. Maxie was jealous of Spinelli's fascination with The Woman in White. Anthony asked Tracy to marry him. Olivia found Steve holding Maggie in a comforting embrace. Robin tried to leave town without telling Patrick. Michael continued to mourn Abby's death. Lulu and Dante moved in together after their honeymoon. Michael turned to Johnny for a job. Sam had a flashback about Franco. Wait to See: Michael takes on more of Sonny's qualities.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

John and Bo scrambled to find out who orchestrated the prison break. Natalie received a visit from Mitch telling her that he would be there for Jessica. Bo discovered that Troy was holding Nora hostage. Starr was shocked to see Cole for the first time since she ended their marriage. Todd painted a bright future between him and Blair after they shared a passionate kiss. John and Natalie had a long overdue talk. Shots rang out as the prison break concluded. Wait to See: The final episode of "OLTL" will air on Friday, Jan. 13. Visit <http://daytimedial.blogspot.com/> for a full recap on Jan. 14.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Chelsea, the woman whom Billy woke up next to in Myan-mar, arrived in Genoa City. Later, Chelsea introduced herself to Victoria and revealed that she was pregnant. Nikki was furious to learn of Victor and Sharon's engagement. Myrna/Patty slipped into Jack's bed after she drugged him. Avery and Nick broke up after they both realized that he still loved Phyllis. Nick reminded Sharon that he still had full custody of Faith. Eden snapped a photo of Chloe's drunken kiss with Cane. Wait to See: Diane's killer is revealed.

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TRIVIA TEST

- COMICS: What is the name of Hi and Lois' youngest daughter?
- HISTORY: Which Allied general defeated German field marshal Erwin Rommel in North Africa during World War II?
- POETRY: Who was the Greek creator of pastoral poetry?
- ART: Which Early Renaissance artist painted "The Birth of Venus"?
- TELEVISION: Who were the only witnesses to the shooting of Mr. Burns on "The Simpsons"?
- EXPLORERS: What was the nationality of explorer Edmund Hillary?
- MUSIC: Which actress/singer's theme song was "Que Sera, Sera"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only bachelor to serve as U.S. president?

- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What famous 20th-century leader once said, "If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide"?
  - LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the word "aplomb"?
- Answers
- Trixie
  - Gen. Bernard Montgomery
  - Theocritus
  - Botticelli
  - Maggie and Santa's Little Helper (the dog)
  - New Zealand
  - Doris Day
  - James Buchanan
  - Mohandas Gandhi
  - Confidence
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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Mayors Come And Mayors Go

Mayors have come and mayors have gone but Dawson Springs has survived them all. That's not to say that each and every mayor was detrimental to the city — it's not even saying any of them were — it's just saying that our city has had ups and downs and has survived them all — so far.

Norman Dixon was mayor three times while R. Travis Ridley and Eugene Davis were mayor two times. There has been only one female mayor, Stacia Peyton. It appears the youngest mayor was also R. Travis Ridley (he was about 28 when appointed the first time he served).

Here is a list of the mayors the City of Dawson Springs has survived through dating back to 1920.

And one side note: the first mayor listed was my great-grandfather. If you look closely you will probably notice the reason for my first name.

1920-21	Will P. Scott
1921-25	William Lynch
1926-30	D. M. Clark
1931-35	???
1936-37	C.O. Lynch
1938-41	Arch Purdy
Jan.-May 1942	Charles K. Reed
1942-Aug.-1945	Russell Beshear
1945-April-1947	C.B. Morris
1947-Dec. 1947	Arthur (Ott) Morris (appointed)
1948-May 1948	C.E. Cluck
1948-Jan.-1949	
	R. Travis Ridley
Jan. 5, 1949	Chesley Franklin (appointed)
Jan.-Dec. 1949	Arch Purdy (appointed)
1950	Norman Dixon
1951-53	R. Travis Ridley
1954-May-1956	W.S. Taylor
1956-61	Morton Jennings
1962-65	Norman Dixon
1966-Mar.-1969	B.L. Harrison
1969	Dr. James A. Freeman (appointed)
1970-72	Deward Stallins
1972-Dec.-Aug. 1976	Eugene Davis
1976-77	Charles Nichols
1978-Nov.-1981	
	Norman Dixon
1981-Nov.-1985	Bethel Morris
1986-Aug.-1987	Eugene Davis
1987-Aug.-1988-Aug.	
	Jon M. Harned (appointed)
1988-Aug.-1993	
	Raymond Thomason
1994-May 19, 2008	
	Stacia Peyton
May 20, 2008-2009	
	Ross Workman (appointed)
2010-Jan. 6, 2012	
	Ross Workman (elected)

Hopefully by the time you read this another name has been added to this list. At the time of writing this column no one has officially been appointed, but whoever that person is or will be, we wish you nothing but the best and hope your term as mayor is the most successful yet.

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The 2nd Region All “A” Classic boys and girls basketball tournaments will be played next week at Panther gym.

Local basketball fans should take advantage of the chance to see some very good matchups of quality “small school” basketball teams.

At a cost of only \$5.00 (some will say “how can you call that

‘only’?) it’s a bargain to see good basketball entertainment.

Not only that, but I happen to know the quality of the food at the concession stand will make the game even more enjoyable.

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Most of the rest of these are borrowed from our friend Chip at Princeton...

—A 4-year-old was at the pediatrician for a checkup. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, “Do you think I’ll find Big Bird in here?”

The little girl stayed silent.

Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, “Do you think I’ll find the Cookie Monster down there?”

Again, the little girl was silent.

Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat, he asked, “Do you think I’ll hear Barney in there?”

“Oh, no!” the little girl replied. “Jesus is in my heart. Barney’s on my underpants.”

—A man went into a restaurant, but the waiter stopped him.

“Sorry, sir, you need to wear a tie to enter.”

The man went back to his car and looked around, but there was no necktie to be found. So he took his jumper cables, wrapped them around his neck, tied a nice knot, and let the ends dangle about.

He went back to the restaurant, where the waiter said, “Well, OK, you can come in ... just don’t start anything.”

—One day while driving along with her 4-year-old daughter, the mother beeped the horn by mistake.

The young child gasped and looked at her mom for an explanation.

The mother said, “I did that by accident.”

The child replied, “I know that because you didn’t say ‘jerk’ afterwards!”

—A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

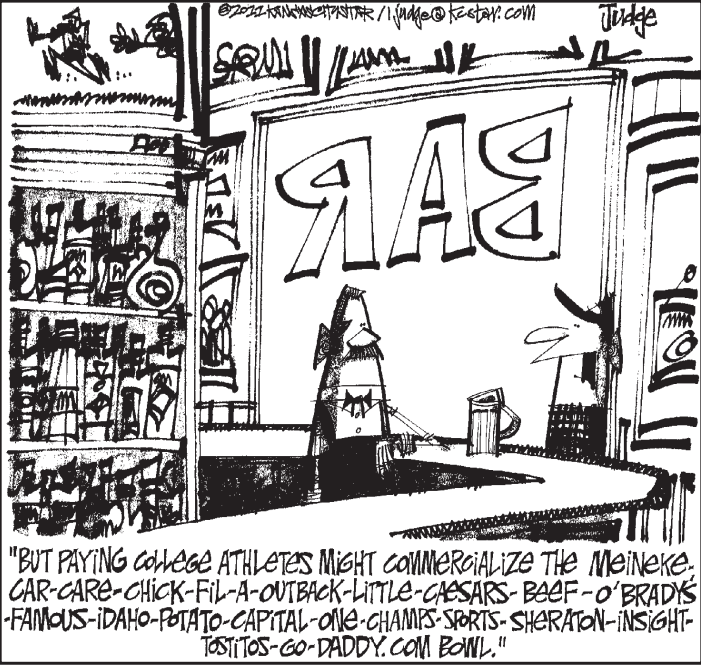
During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played, “The Star Spangled Banner.”

—A young man applied for a job in a big company.

“I’m sorry,” said the personnel manager, “but the firm is overstaffed. We have more employees now than we really need.”

“That’s all right,” replied the young man, undiscouraged. “The little bit of work I do won’t be noticed anyway.”



COMMENTARY

Where Do We Draw The Line?

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“Where do you draw the line?”

Rep. Mike Harmon, R-Danville, posed that question to statewide smoking-ban proponents on KET’s final “Kentucky Tonight” show of the year.

It’s the right question. It’s also one that those who baptize themselves in waters of government nanny-ism have little interest in discussing.

Harmon pressed the issue with activist Betsy Janes, who’s employed by the American Lung Association and who lacks aversion to any proposed government regulation deemed as “protecting our health.”

Janes also doesn’t seem overly interested in addressing the ramifications of laws allowing state government to assail property rights of business owners from Paducah to Pikeville by dictating their smoking policies.

“The line that we draw is that we aren’t protecting people from themselves,” Janes said.

“We are protecting people from one another.”

So, where’s the protection from government overreach for private-property owners? No interest in that topic, either.

What happens if a father smokes in his own household with children?

“Should those children be taken away from him?” Harmon asked.

Janes countered: “that is not the issue we’re talking about at all.”

Oh but it is – especially when you realize that the long history of readily available evidence demonstrates that government and its first cousin, the Nanny State, “can’t get no satisfaction” – no matter how many laws are passed, regulations implemented and freedoms eroded – even though they “try and (they) try and (they) try, (they) can’t get no, (they) can’t get no.”

If I thought for a moment that the battle being waged over a statewide smoking ban would forever satisfy government dogooders’ insatiable appetite for controlling others, I might relent.

If I knew for certain that

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Western State Says Thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the patients and staff of Western State Hospital, Western State Nursing Facility and Volta, a heartfelt thanks is extended to everyone who participated in the annual Christmas program.

The holiday season was much brighter thanks to the

generosity of caring and compassionate individuals in this community. The entertainment, parties, gifts and contributions made on behalf of the patients were greatly appreciated.

Thanks for taking time out of a busy holiday schedule to remember and visit with us at our facilities.

Tony Winfield  
Community Services Coordinator

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OTHER EDITORS

There’s Good News And Bad News

The good news, Gov. Steve Beshear said Wednesday night in his annual State of the Commonwealth address, is that state revenues are again increasing as the economy slowly recovers from the Great Recession.

The bad news is that “the numbers are so wretched that we will likely be forced to carve into some of our most critical, basic services” in order to cut spending and balance the 2012-14 biennial budget.

The explanation basically is that federal stimulus money — widely misunderstood as a result of waves of furious and deeply dishonest Republican attacks — kept state budgets afloat for several years. Now, that money is drying up, and revenues are inadequate to replace it.

In that context, the Governor’s categorical rejection of creating new sources of revenue is disappointing. An economy mired in a deep recession generally would be seriously hindered by tax increases; an economy that is rebounding, however tepidly, can withstand some carefully targeted new or increased taxes. Clearly, the money is needed for essential public purposes.

However, it is easy to see Gov. Beshear’s political calculation. A tax proposal would be dead on arrival in the GOP-dominated Senate, and it’s unfair to ask House Democrats to jeopardize their re-election by voting for a tax increase that won’t even pass. And a battle over a short-term tax hike would complicate and perhaps doom the Governor’s longer-term priorities: comprehensive tax reform and expanded gambling.

That makes it all the more

critical that those long-range aims be fulfilled.

As we’ve said in the past, tax reform must be more than a revenue-neutral gesture to modernize the tax code and correct some unfair provisions. It must bring in significantly more money, in amounts that increase as the economy picks up. To help achieve that it is essential that the Governor spare no effort to enlist broad and vocal support from university presidents, public school superintendents, local officials and business leaders to make the case that Kentucky cannot meet its people’s needs and position itself for 21st Century success on a shoestring state budget that perpetuates mediocrity in so many vital areas.

Meanwhile, it is frustrating that nearly five years after he began campaigning for governor on a platform of expanding gambling, Mr. Beshear is still talking about “a starting point for discussion.” But it is what it is. Let no one be under any illusions, however, that all that has to be done is to draft a constitutional amendment that allows casinos and/or slot machines.

There have to be rigorous provisions to ensure that the state receives most of the money, and that any funds directed to helping the horse industry go primarily to bolster breeding, sales and purses, and not to fatten the wallets of shareholders of publicly traded tracks. At the same time, thoughtful care must be taken to make sure that expanded gambling doesn’t hurt, or even kill, racing.

Kentuckians need to hear more about both initiatives — soon.

—The Courier-Journal

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002.)

The funeral for Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Ladd, 93, was held Friday morning, Jan. 4, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Herman Wayne Street, 60, was held Friday afternoon, Jan. 4, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Charles David Inglis, 61, was held Monday morning, Jan. 7, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for James Thomas Glakas, 83, was held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 15, 1987.)

David W. Hamby was recently commissioned as an ensign by the U.S. Navy.

The freshmen Panthers improved their record to 5-3 and became only the third team to defeat South Hopkins this season.

Panther boys beat Bremen for their 6th win of the season.

Last rites were held for Mrs. Thelma Flavie Smith, 83, Friday afternoon, Jan. 9, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral for Robert Harlan (Buster) Vaughn, 88, was held Tuesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services were held for Howard Thomas Crick, 50, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Rites were held for Mrs. Edith Mae Childers, 67, Sat-

urday afternoon, Jan. 10, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services will be held today for Louise Trotter Walker at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 11, 1962.)

Monte Gene Workman was born December 16, in the Mid-State Baptist Hospital in Nashville.

James Morgan Eaves Jr. was born December 29, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

Melamie Arlene Wade was born December 20, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. She weighed six pounds and five ounces.

David Wayne Lanham was born January 5, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

Joe David Walker celebrated his fourth birthday on Saturday, January 4, with a party in his home.

Funeral services were held for Walter O. Hibbs, 68, Wednesday afternoon in the Suthards Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Ernest Eli, 55, were conducted Friday afternoon at the Ilsley Holiness Church.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Dixon Davis, 92, Tuesday afternoon at the Christian Privilege Church in St. Charles.

Last rites were held for Mrs. Ida P. Williams, 81, Monday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Jan. 10, 1901, a drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap.

• On Jan. 11, 1973, the

owners of America’s 24 major-league baseball teams vote to allow teams in the American League to use a “designated pinch-hitter” that could bat for the pitcher, while still allowing the pitcher to stay in the game.


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***“THIS IS NO TIME TO REST”***

# Governor Outlines Agenda In 5th Commonwealth Address

In his fifth State of the Commonwealth address, Gov. Steve Beshear laid out a robust and expansive legislative agenda and challenged lawmakers to avoid partisanship and work together in order to improve Kentuckians’ lives.

“Kentucky continues to suffer from the lingering effects of the global recession, but short-term survival cannot be our only goal,” said Beshear. “This is no time to rest, to be complacent, to hide or to be timid. Rather, it is time to be decisive and aggressive.”

The governor warned that the upcoming budget would be the most difficult of his administration, and that his upcoming budget proposal would include significant cuts, even in previously protected areas.

He warned, however, that a difficult budget should not be used as an excuse to remain complacent, and that it is possible to make changes for the short term and long term benefit of Kentuckians.

“Tonight I will lay out for you some bold steps we can take to continue – in a collective and strategic way – to address the fundamental weaknesses that have hampered

our state for generations,” he explained.

Although the governor announced that his budget proposal would not include revenue from gaming, he urged lawmakers to pass a constitutional amendment that would allow Kentuckians to vote on expanded gaming in November.

Beshear said that hundreds of millions of dollars are spent in neighboring states’ casinos, funding their schools and roads and hiring police officers and teachers. That money belongs in Kentucky, Beshear said, and should be funding the services Kentuckians need. In addition, he noted that two recent polls show that more than 80 percent of Kentuckians want the opportunity to vote on this issue.

Also, a more balanced tax code will not only create a more welcoming business environment, Beshear said, but will also allow the state to invest in the services and priorities that best position our citizens for success.

In the coming days, the governor plans to unveil a process to review Kentucky’s tax system.

Tax reform must realign the

system in a way that is not only fairer for families and businesses, but also improves the state’s ability to compete in the 21st century economy.

While neither of these proposals will have immediate financial impact, together they lay the foundation for increased revenue that will support key services like education and job creation efforts in the years to come.

Beshear also offered a wide-ranging legislative agenda, designed to improve the state’s economy, fight prescription drug abuse and better prepare Kentucky’s workforce.

These initiatives consider not only the present-day needs of Kentuckians, but also improvements that could benefit citizens in the future. Those initiatives are:

—Expanded Gaming Amendment: The governor will soon introduce a bill in the Senate to allow Kentuckians to vote on the issue of expanded gaming – a move which could return millions of dollars to the state to protect and support key priorities such as public protection, education and job creation.

—Balanced and Strategic

Budget: Later this month, Beshear will submit his proposed biennial budget. The governor has warned lawmakers that this will be the most difficult budget of his administration, and will include significant cuts in order to balance. However, Beshear has also made clear that Kentuckians must continue to make investments in our future and should not allow a dismal budget to become a barrier to progress in education and job preparation.

—Prescription Drug Abuse: Beshear, along with Speaker Greg Stumbo and Attorney General Jack Conway, will push for legislation to make participation mandatory in the state’s electronic prescription reporting program, KASPER. The legislative package will also crack down on pill clinics.

—Strengthening Tomorrow’s Workforce through Education: The governor called on legislators to pass the “Graduation Bill,” which would incrementally increase the legal dropout age from 16 to 18.

This bill has enjoyed bipartisan support and has been passed by the House three times. He also asked legislators to pass a bill that will authorize his Early Childhood Advisory Council, as well as streamline the administration of Career and Technical Education.

—Encouraging Private Economic Investment: Beshear will push for tax credits for so-called ‘angel investors’ – private investors who provide funding for mid-level entrepreneurs. These entrepreneurs are often too small to attract big venture capital and too large for other forms of start-up assistance. This bill would mean that Kentuckians who invest in Kentucky start-ups to create Kentucky jobs would receive a credit on their Kentucky income taxes.

—Protecting Children: In light of recent discussions regarding the protection of Kentucky’s children, Beshear will propose the “Child Protection Act of 2012,” which includes legislation to formalize what

records should be released after the death of a child. The package also includes a bill to create an independent review panel, appointed by the Attorney General, to review all child fatalities and near fatalities where child abuse or neglect is alleged.

—Supporting Military Families: Beshear will support legislation providing a tax credit for Kentucky National Guard families who adopt a child. Currently, all other military branches except the Guard enjoy this benefit.

In his first legislative address since his re-election, Beshear asked legislators to put aside partisan decision-making to make real and lasting change for Kentuckians.

“We have an opportunity this session to make Kentuckians’ lives better, both in the short term and long into the future,” said Beshear. “And we will succeed if we’re bold. We will succeed if we put the focus where it belongs – on creating a better Kentucky for the people we serve.”

## Where Do We Draw The Line?

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government would never barge into private residences and take children away from parents because of “health concerns,” then I might accept a smoking ban.

What taxpayer might not consent to one more small tax hike, coal-mine owner one more EPA rule or entrepreneur one more regulation if they knew that government’s addiction for more of their money, liberty and life would be fully – and forever – satisfied?

At least the uncertainty created by our current insatiable regulatory atmosphere would be resolved.

Even President Reagan couldn’t fulfill his intentions of getting rid of the energy and education departments even though both have cost taxpayer

billions while failing to create a single ounce of energy or educate a single child.

Reagan found out: “Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we’ll see on this earth.”

So are taxes and regulations.

Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington, who’s leading the charge for a statewide smoking ban and who also participated in the “Kentucky Tonight” show, charged me with employing “scare tactics” because I warn that once government goes over the slippery slope of “protecting” us from us, it will bound down that hillside with great force.

If we accept, as Janes admonishes, that the role of government is to “protect people

from others,” then we must also allow for the possibility that government could begin removing children from homes over health concerns.

It’s already happened. Social workers in Cleveland removed an overweight 8-year-old who is a good student from his home and his parents, and placed him in foster care.

Some – including even self-proclaimed conservative Republicans – peer longingly down that road in Frankfort and, like a kid in a candy store, just can’t help themselves as they waste taxpayers’ time and resources in filing goofy “Body Mass Index” bills.

Oh sure, the initial proposals don’t recommend taking kids out of homes, but still – they cross the line.

The line, in fact, has disappeared altogether.

## Kentucky Housing Agency Offers Lowest Rates Offered In 40 Years

The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), the state housing finance agency, is offering the lowest rates in its 40-year history.

“With rates this low and down payment and closing costs assistance, Kentuckians who thought they would not be able to own a home now have an opportunity,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “I encourage potential homeowners to contact KHC to learn more about this unique financing opportunity. These low rates will not last.”

For a limited time, rates are as low as 3.375 percent, with a 30-year, fixed-rate term. KHC also has a program for down payment and closing costs assistance with a special rate of 3.625 percent.

KHC works with customers to simplify the home purchasing process. Buyers work with a network of KHC-approved lenders and banking institutions that help the buyer throughout the purchasing process. There are also more than 1,000 KHC-certified real estate agents that are committed to helping their buyers find affordable home-financing solutions. A list of lenders and real estate agents is available on KHC’s Web site at [www.KYHousing.org](http://www.KYHousing.org).

“Kentuckians can feel comfortable purchasing a home through KHC,” said Richard L. McQuady, chief executive officer of KHC. “KHC home loans start with us and end with us. When homeowners make a payment or call about their loan, they are talking to a KHC staff

person at our office in Frankfort.”

Kentucky Housing is able to offer these low rates through an extension of the New Issue Bond Program (NIBP), a federal bond purchase program provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

## Earlington Fire Dept. Receives Federal Grant

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield announced last week that the Earlington Fire Department is one of three fire departments in Kentucky’s First Congressional District that have been awarded grants through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Earlington department received \$677,612. Also receiving the grants for

operations and safety are the Mayfield-Graves County Fire Department (\$512,863), and the Mayfield Fire Department (\$116,793).

“These firefighting grants help ensure that our first responders have the resources they need to serve our communities,” said Whitfield. “I congratulate all three departments in receiving these awards.”

## Madisonville Police Dept. Receives Funds For Vests

A \$9,425 grant from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will help the Madisonville Police Department purchase Body Armor

vests for its police force. The grant funds are awarded under the Law Enforcement Protection Grant Program, a state program that is funded solely from the sale of confiscated weapons turned in by local and state police.

Daron Jordan, Community Development Director for the city of Madisonville said, “This grant will allow our police department to purchase 13 Body Armor vests for the safety of the men and women who serve and protect the citizens of Madisonville. The recommended life cycle for Body Armor vests is 5 years, and with this grant, the Madisonville Police Department will be able to retire 13 vests. All vests purchased will meet or exceed the standards issued by the National Institute of Justice for body armor. The city of Madisonville is appreciative of Gov. Beshear and the staff of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for awarding these funds to the Madisonville Police Department.”

### LETTER

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## Things Will Get Better


Dear Editor,

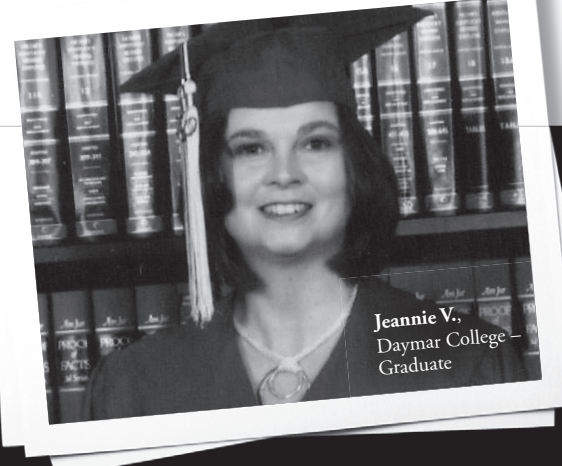
As we are now in 2012, I hope all of us will have a better year and hope that in Dawson Springs, Ky. things will be better.

And I think it will. With a new mayor in office things can only, I hope, get better for all of us here in Dawson Springs. We will see more jobs and more things good for all of us here.

Morris Brown  
Dawson Springs

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# 2011 Was One Of Wettest Years Ever

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ceeded 20 inches at sites from Elizabethtown west to Benton in Marshall County.”

Temperatures were generally warmer than normal throughout much of the year. The year’s highest temperature, 103.4 degrees on Aug. 3 at the Kentucky Mesonet station near Russellville, posed no threat to Kentucky’s record of 114 degrees recorded on July 28, 1930, at Greensburg.

The lowest temperature was 9.6 degrees below zero on Feb. 11 at the Mesonet station near Bowling Green. Kentucky’s record low temperature of 37 degrees below zero was set at Shelbyville on Jan. 19, 1994.

Weather spotters were active during Kentucky’s severe

weather season in 2011. Based on reports through the end of September, tornadoes occurred on 17 days, including 10 days in April. Although no fatalities were reported, 14 people were injured.

While tornadoes are most frequent in spring, recent years have shown that they can occur during any month. In 2011, tornadoes were reported on two days in February, including an EF-3 tornado that struck before dawn on Feb. 28 in southeastern Henry County.

Severe weather was not limited to tornadoes. On April 25, the Kentucky Mesonet station at Murray reported a record wind gust of 101 mph. Hundreds of trees were uprooted and damage was reported to houses, barns and a local fac-

tory. More than 400 reports of hail were documented by the National Climatic Data Center through September.

Flooding through the first nine months of 2011 resulted in six deaths, four injuries, and nearly \$50 million of damage across Kentucky. Four children drowned during a flash flood on Feb. 24 in Hickman County.

The winter of 2010-2011 was cold and snowy by Kentucky standards. A persistent weather pattern attributed to the Arctic Oscillation brought frequent snowstorms during the first half of winter. In contrast, Foster noted, the winter of 2011-2012 has seen no significant snowfall through early January, highlighting the variable nature of Kentucky’s weather and climate.



MAYOR JENNY SEWELL speaks with Jo and Don Goodwin following her appointment Tuesday during a special council meeting. Sewell was given the oath of office Wednesday (yesterday) at 4 p.m. at the municipal building.

# Majority Wants To Vote On Gambling

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**Potential ballot question**

The poll released recently asked how people would vote on potential ballot language to “allow regulated casino gaming at eight existing horse race-tracks and one additional location subject to voter approval in the city or county where it would be located. The money would be used for the benefit of education, health care, public safety, local governments and the horse-racing industry.”

According to the results, 64

percent would vote for such an amendment, and 32 percent would vote against it. The pollsters said that the low figure of 4 percent who are undecided “suggests that Kentuckians are pretty much decided on this issue, and there is little likelihood of major movement.

“Senate State and Local Government Committee Chairman Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, said the poll’s numbers are no surprise.

“I’ve been saying for a long time that this issue needs to be resolved one way or another by

the people,” Thayer said.

He said legislators are awaiting Beshear’s specific proposal. There has been some debate about whether legislation would need to start in the Senate or the House, which has previously approved expanded gambling without a constitutional amendment. Senate Minority Leader R.J. Palmer, D-Winchester, said he expects that most Senate democrats will support a constitutional amendment for expanded gambling.

“Of course, the devil will be in the details,” Palmer said.

# Former Mayor Is Planetarium Director

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regrets because the decisions I’ve made were made based on the information I had at the time and what I thought was best for the community given the situation or circumstances.

“Did I do everything right? No. But I did what I thought was best for the community.”

Workman’s years in the mayor’s office have seen their share of weather-related

disasters, most notably the ice storm of 2009. Helping the city through such events is a high point for him.

“Given everything that was thrown at us, I’m really proud of the fact that I was able to lead the community through,” he said. “Especially the ice storm. We didn’t lose a person. We were all working together.”

Workman said he has frequently been asked why anybody would want to hold elect-

ed office.

“It’s pretty simple,” he said. “You have a genuine interest in your community, and you want to try to make it a better place.”

Workman hopes he has done just that, and now, with the blessings of his family and friends, he is moving on to the next phase in his life.

“The people who really matter are very happy for me,” he said. “They know this is what I really want.”

# Gasoline Prices Up 30 Cents In 2 Weeks

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 19 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.42 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 7.9 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.34 per gallon according to gasoline price Web site Kentucky GasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of Tuesday were \$3.49 per gallon, an increase of 30 cents in the past two weeks.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 33 cents per gallon higher than on the same day one year ago and are 19.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.7 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 27 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

“Gas prices are rising across much of the nation as Iran has

continued to threaten closing the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global oil shipments,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. “Think back to the days following the start of the crisis in Libya — an event that also rattled energy markets — we’re seeing similar emotions play out even though there hasn’t yet been a disruption to supply. I would blame emotion for the recent uptick in gasoline prices, nothing else.”

That gas prices nationally were higher at the end of 2011 than one year ago is cause for concern according to Gregg Laskoski, another Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com., because for the past seven years the change from the beginning of the year to the peak has been 93 cents to \$1.31 per gallon.

“Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we’ve seen for the past seven years.

2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05, and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon,” Laskoski said.

“In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon, and only once in the past seven years was the spread below 82 cents per gallon,” DeHaan said. “And while we typically anticipate peak prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009. While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn’t move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year’s end, we could be paying over \$4 per gallon next spring.”





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Defensive Effort Is Key In Girls' Win



ELIZABETH BLACK eyes the basket as she moves around a Crittenden County player Monday, Jan. 2. Black put five points on the board in the Panthers' fourth win of the season.

Photo by Mike Howton

It paid off to do what their coach said Monday night in Panther gym as the Panther girls beat defending 2nd Region champion Crittenden County 55-42 to claim their fourth win of the year.

Coach Erik Peyton asked his team to play good defense and he believes the defensive effort is what provided the win against last year's state tournament team.

"We were playing neck and neck with them," Peyton said. "We were struggling a bit; then Presly Todd gave us a big boost."

Todd scored nine points in the second quarter when the Panthers turned an 11-6 first quarter deficit into a 26-21 halftime lead.

With the Panthers behind 12-8 early in the second quarter, Tayler Mills rebounded a missed free throw and put it back to bring the Panthers within two, and Todd put back a rebounded miss on the next possession to tie the game at 12.

After Crittenden County made a free throw to regain the lead, Todd made a 15-footer off an assist from Amber Genseal to give the Panthers the lead for good.

The pair followed up that play with another assist by Genseal and basket by Todd at the 4:30 mark to make the score 16-13.

Later in the quarter with the score 21-17, Todd made a 3-pointer from the wing off an assist by Lauren Menser to put the Panthers up 24-17 with 1:47 to go in the half.

After halftime the defense took over, limiting the Rockets to six points in the third quarter as the Panthers stretched their lead to 10 at 37-27 entering the fourth quarter.

With 5:53 left in the game and the Panthers leading 40-30, a 10-0 run by the home team put the game out of reach for good.

Mills scored under the basket; McKnight beat her defender for a layup; Elizabeth Black scored under the basket then made two free



TAYLER MILLS splits the Crittenden County defense as she goes up for a shot Monday, Jan. 2. Mills scored 11 points in the game and pulled down 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Photo by Mike Howton

throws; and McKnight beat her defender again for another layup for 10 straight Panther points.

"The defensive effort is what did it," Peyton said.

But the Panthers' offensive numbers were also good.

McKnight led all scorers with 19 points. Mills had 11 points to go with 10 rebounds for a double-double, and

Todd finished with 10 points.

"Rihana took the ball to the hole," Peyton said. "That's what I told her to do."

Black scored five points for the Panthers; Menser and Shelby Loney each scored four; and Hannah Winters added two points.

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Panthers Come Up Short Against Central

The Panther boys traveled to Hopkins County Central Jan. 3 and lost 53-46 to their 5th District rivals.

The game was close throughout even though the Storm got 31 chances at the free throw stripe compared to the Panthers' 11. Neither team cashed in on their attempts as Central made 12 for 39 percent and the Panthers made five for 45 percent.

The score was tied 9-9 following the first quarter and the Storm edged ahead 20-19 at halftime. The third quarter was decisive in the close game with the Panthers falling behind 33-28 entering the final quarter.

"It was one of our better defensive efforts," Panther coach Jeff Miller said. "We played them pretty tight all the way through, just came up short."

Tré Fambrough led the Panthers in scoring with 14 points. Also scoring in double figures for the Panthers was Colton Chapple with 10 points, including two second-half 3-pointers.

The Storm's senior guard Nick Hopper led all scorers with 17 points.

Central improved to 4-7 with the win. The Panthers' record slipped to 2-12.

"We came out hitting our outside shots and we handled their press," Miller said. "Their press didn't affect us, but we had a lot of bad passes for

turnovers where we just didn't connect on our passes. The turnovers were our fault more than the pressure's fault."

Ryan McKnight added nine points for the Panthers; Austin Stevens scored seven; Trey Miller scored four; and Todd Bullock added two points.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Bullock	1	0	5	2
McKnight	4	0	2	9
Smiley	0	0	2	0
Chapple	4	0	4	10
Be. Puckett	0	0	2	0
Miller	1	1	5	4
Fambrough	5	4	4	14
Stevens	3	0	1	7
TOTALS	18	5	25	46
3-pointers: Chapple	(2), McKnight, Miller, Stevens			

CENTRAL	FG	FT	F	TP
Campbell	0	1	0	1
Foster	2	1	1	5
Hopper	5	6	3	17
Miles	6	2	4	14
Scott	2	1	3	5
Thorpe	1	0	1	2
Griffith	1	0	2	2
Browning	3	1	2	7
TOTALS	20	12	16	53

Panthers	9	19	28	46
Central	9	20	33	53

Slow Start, Turnovers Doom Panther Boys

Another slow start doomed the Panther boys Jan. 6 at Caldwell County. After falling behind 19-4 after the first period the Panthers couldn't crawl out of the hole and lost 69-43 to the Tigers.

"We came out not ready to play," Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. "When you only score four points in the first quarter, you just aren't ready to play."

The Tigers led 33-21 at halftime and 51-31 after three quarters.

Again it was turnovers against another team's pressing defense which zapped the Panthers early on along with poor defense which allowed

Caldwell County's freshman guard Elijah Sindelar to put up a game-high 33 points.

"We took a big step back," Miller said. "We couldn't handle their press. We turned the ball over right and left, just like it was at the beginning of the year."

The Panthers were led in scoring by Tré Fambrough's 23 points and Colton Chapple's eight points.

"Fambrough had a solid game on both ends," Miller said.

Ryan McKnight and Reed Smiley each scored four points for the Pan-

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Future Hoops Stars...

ETHAN HUDLESTON (above in green) looks to pass the ball to a teammate as Slade Ramsey steps in to stop the pass. At right, Gage Smiley eyes the basket before putting up a shot. The young Panthers were participating in a Youth League basketball game Saturday, Jan. 7, at Panther gym.

Photos by Mike Howton



All 'A' Classic Begins Monday At DSHS

Dawson Springs High School will host the boys and girls 2nd Region All "A" Classic basketball tournament next week.

First round games will be played Jan. 16 for the girls and Jan. 17 for the boys beginning at 7 p.m. at various sites around the region.

The girls' semifinals will be played in Panther gym Jan. 19.

The first semifinal game begins at 6 p.m. The second game will begin 25 minutes after completion of the first game.

If the Panthers win their first round game, they will play in the second semifinal contest.

The finals are Jan. 21 beginning at 6 p.m.

The Panther girls' first round game is at Panther gym against Crittenden County at 7 p.m. Jan. 16.

Other first round games are: Lyon County at Livingston Central, Webster County at Caldwell County and Trigg County at University Heights.

The boys' semifinals will be played in Panther gym Jan. 20 with the first game starting at 6 p.m.

If the Panther boys win their first game, they will play in the first semifinal contest.

The finals are Jan. 21 at approximately 8 p.m.

The Panther boys' first round game is at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 against Trigg County.

Other first round games are: Lyon County at University Heights Webster County at Caldwell County and Crittenden County at Livingston Central.

Tickets for each night are \$5 and will be sold at the door. Doors will open one hour prior to tip-off of the first game.







# Rough First Half Costs Panther Girls Game

The Panther girls allowed 41 first-half points to Caldwell County Jan. 6 in Princeton and never could recover on their way to a 68-47 loss to the Tigers.

“The key was, we did not play defense,” head coach Erik Peyton said about the loss. “We let four of their players reach double figures.”

The Panthers’ Rihana McKnight and Elizabeth Black also

reached double figures, with McKnight scoring a game-high 18 points and Black adding 14.

Caldwell County jumped out to 21-6 and 41-15 leads after the first two quarter breaks. Considering the bad start for the Panthers, the 54-32 score entering the final period showed much better defense as well as offense.

“The girls saw we can play

with them,” Peyton said. “We outscored them in the second half. But we cannot come out flat. We have to play 32 minutes of basketball.”

Taylor Mills added nine points for the Panthers; Lauren Menser scored four; and Amber Genseal chipped in with two points.

The brightest spot of the night for the Panthers came at the free throw line where they

made 15 of 18 for 83 percent.

“The girls were excellent at the free throw line,” Peyton said. “But we didn’t shoot enough of them. We have to take the ball to the basket and attack.”

Caldwell County made 19 of 31 free throws for 61 percent.

The Panthers’ record slipped to 3-12 with the loss. Caldwell County improved to 10-5.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP	Gilkey	5	3	3	13
Mills	3	3	4	9	Yates	4	4	3	12
Black	5	4	4	14	Rodgers	6	3	2	15
Genseal	1	0	3	2	Harper	1	0	0	2
McKnight	5	8	4	18	Fraliex	1	0	1	2
Menser	2	0	3	4	Loomis	2	3	2	7
Loney	0	0	3	0	Williams	1	1	2	3
Todd	0	0	1	0	Hancock	0	0	1	0
Winters	0	0	1	0	TOTALS	23	19	17	68
TOTALS	16	15	23	47	3-pointers: Ames (3)				
CALDWELL	FG	FT	F	TP	Panthers	6	15	32	47
Ames	3	5	3	14	Caldwell Co.	21	41	54	68

## Simpson Leads Boys JV Against Central

Eighth-grader Dylan Simpson led the Panther boys junior varsity basketball team with a game-high 15 points, but it wasn’t enough as Hopkins County Central ran off with a 54-23 win over the Panthers at the Storm’s gym.

The Storm led 18-4 after the first quarter, 32-12 at halftime and 46-17 after three quarters.

The only other two Panthers to score were Austin Stevens and Jeremiah Adams. They scored five and three points, respectively.

The bright spot for the Panthers was their free throw shooting. They made five of six for 83 percent.

Simpson made all four of his charity tosses. The Storm only made three of nine for 33 percent.

The loss was the junior varsity boys’ 10th of the year to go with one win.



CARLY BRUCE sneaks into the lane and puts up a shot before the Crittenden County defense can react Monday, Jan. 2. The Panthers beat the Rockets 55-42 and will meet them again in the All “A” Classic Tournament Monday.

Photo by Mike Howton

## Girls JV Falls To Rockets Monday

After taking a 6-5 lead after the first quarter, the Panther junior varsity girls basketball team let that lead slip away in the second quarter and lost to Crittenden County 34-18 Monday at Panther gym.

The Rockets outscored the Panthers 12-2 in the second quarter.

With a 17-8 halftime lead, the Rockets continued to put the Panthers away.

The score was 25-14 after the third quarter.

Shelby Loney scored 11 points to lead the Panthers. Bradleigh Bruch added four points; Malaia Miller scored two; and Tiki Robinson scored one point.

## Defense Is Key In Win For Panther Girls

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“The defense is what did it. We stopped them from doing what they wanted to do, which is drive to the basket and dish to the open shot,” Peyton said.

The Panthers now are 4-12 and will face Crittenden County again Monday night in Panther gym in the first round of the Class “A” Regional Tournament.

Before the tournament for smaller schools, the Panthers traveled to Trigg County Tuesday (the score was not known at press time) and will head to Madisonville for a boy/girl doubleheader against North Hopkins Friday.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Mills	5	1	3	11
Black	1	3	5	5

Genseal	0	0	4	0
McKnight	7	5	2	19
Menser	1	2	1	4
Loney	2	0	1	4
Todd	4	1	4	10
Winters	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	21	12	20	55
3-pointers: Todd				

CRITT. CO.	FG	FT	F	TP
Binkley	3	3	3	10
Head	4	2	0	10
Collins	0	1	5	1
Brown	3	1	2	8
Oliver	3	5	1	11
Phillips	1	0	0	2
McDowell	0	0	2	0
Gobin	0	0	1	0
Davis	0	0	1	0
Moss	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	14	12	17	42
3-pointers: Binkley, Brown				

Crittenden Co.	11	21	27	42
Panthers	6	26	37	55

## Slow Start, Turnovers Doom Panther Boys

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thers; Todd Bullock added two; and Trey Miller and Austin Stevens each made one free throw for one point.

The Panthers made 11 of 19 from the free throw line for 58 percent, while the Tigers made nine of 14 for 64 percent.

“We’re going to work on some things before we play Union County to get our guys involved earlier, so we can start off strong instead of playing catch up the entire game,” Miller said.

The loss dropped the Panthers’ record to 2-13 while the Tigers’ record improved to 2-10. Both of the Tiger’s wins

came at the expense of the Panthers.

The Panthers played Union County at home Tuesday (the score was not known at press time) and travel to Madisonville-North Hopkins for a boy/girl doubleheader Friday.

Next week the Panthers will be hosting the Class “A” Regional and play their first game Tuesday against Trigg County.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Bullock	1	0	1	2
McKnight	1	2	3	4
Chapple	3	0	2	8
Miller	0	1	4	1
Fambrough	8	7	1	23
Smiley	2	0	1	4
Stevens	0	1	1	1

TOTALS	15	11	13	43
3-pointers: Chapple (2)				
CALDWELL	FG	FT	F	TP
Sindelar	13	6	3	33
McCarty	2	0	1	5
Boyd	1	0	3	2
Pepper	3	1	2	7
Stewart	6	2	3	15
Wimbleduff	1	0	2	2
Jenkins	0	0	1	0
Brown	0	0	1	0
Hopson	2	0	3	5
Oliver	0	0	1	0
Dyer	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	28	9	21	69
3-pointers: Sindelar, McCartney, Hopson, Stewart				
Panthers	4	21	31	43
Caldwell Co.	19	33	51	69



Winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship posing with Knights of Columbus member Hank Mills are Malaia Miller (from left), Kevin Brooks, Tanner Adams, Tori Bullock, Dylan Simpson, Easton Maddox, Allie Mills and Kaylee Simpson.

## Free Throw Challenge Attracts 25 Shooters

Twenty-five local athletes participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Jan. 7.

The winners are as follows:

- 10-year-old boys, Easton Maddox
- 10-year-old girls, Kaylee Simpson
- 11-year-old boys, Kevin

- Brooks
- 11-year-old girls, Tori Bullock
- 12-year-old boys, Dylan Simpson
- 12-year-old girls, Malaia Miller
- 13-year-old boys, Tanner Adams
- 13-year-old girls, Allie

- Mills
- 14-year-old boys, Austin Stevens.

Each winner qualifies to go to the district championship which will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Oak Grove Community Center in Christian County.

For more information, call Jim Hillerich at 797-8877.

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9:45 Mills/Elam vs. Thomas	9:45 Riley vs. Thomas	9:45 Riley vs. Mills/Elam	9:45 Thomas vs. Mills/Elam	9:45 Mills/Elam vs. Howton	9:45 Howton vs. Thomas
10:50 Riley vs. Howton	10:50 Howton vs. Mills/Elam	10:50 Thomas vs. Howton	10:50 Howton vs. Riley	10:50 Thomas vs. Riley	10:50 Spurlin vs. Simpson
11:55 LaGrange vs. Spurlin	11:55 Simpson vs. LaGrange	11:55 Simpson vs. LaGrange	11:55 Smiley vs. Stuart	11:55 Smiley vs. Cunningham	11:55 Butler vs. Smiley
1:00 Butler vs. Cunningham	1:00 Stuart vs. Butler	1:00 Simpson vs. Spurlin	1:00 Cunningham vs. Butler	1:00 LaGrange vs. Simpson	1:00 Simpson vs. LaGrange
2:05 Spurlin vs. Simpson	2:05 LaGrange vs. Spurlin	2:05 Butler vs. Smiley		2:05 Butler vs. Stuart	2:05 Stuart vs. Cunningham
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## CONTRACT BRIDGE by Steve Becker

### The Magic Number

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 9 6 4 3  
♥ Q 5 3  
♦ 10 4  
♣ 9 6 4 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q  
♥ A J 9 8 7  
♦ 7 6 5 3  
♣ 10 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ A K J 10 7 5 2  
♥ 4 2  
♦ —  
♣ Q J 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8  
♥ K 10 6  
♦ A K Q J 9 8 2  
♣ A K

The bidding:  
**East** 1♣  
**South** 5♦  
**West** 2♥  
**North** Pass  
Opening lead — queen of spades.

I have done a lot of bridge teaching in my day, and I have always been baffled by why so many players have trouble making use of the number 13. Everyone knows that each player is dealt 13 cards and each suit has 13 cards, but far too many players don't utilize this bridge fact of life as they should. If they would simply invoke the magic number 13 more often, they'd find the play of the cards much, much simpler.

Take this deal where East overtakes the queen of spades with the king and continues with the ace, South ruffing high. Declarer now plays the ace of diamonds, on

which East shows out. It is only trick three, but declarer already has a vast amount of information about the opposing hands.

He knows from the play thus far that West started with one spade and four diamonds. He also knows from the bidding that West has at least five hearts headed by the ace (and probably the jack also) because West could not double five diamonds without the ace and surely would not have bid two hearts with fewer than five of them. Ten of West's cards in three suits are thus known, leaving him with at most three clubs.

South now tries to take advantage of what he has learned. He realizes that if he simply draws trumps and plays a heart to the queen, he is likely to lose two heart tricks and go down one. To deal with this danger, he first cashes the A-K of clubs, leads a trump to the ten and ruffs a club. This eliminates the clubs from West's hand.

South then draws West's two remaining trumps before leading the king of hearts. West, who now has only hearts left, can do no better than take his ace and return a heart, allowing South to score his ten and make the contract.

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## ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

BOXING DAY

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	8	3	9	2	6	5	7	4
2	7	6	1	5	4	3	9	8
4	5	9	8	3	7	2	1	6
8	3	2	4	6	1	9	5	7
9	1	5	7	8	2	6	4	3
7	6	4	3	9	5	8	2	1
3	2	7	5	1	8	4	6	9
6	9	1	2	4	3	7	8	5
5	4	8	6	7	9	1	3	2

## HOROSCOPES SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress

toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

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## KSP Opens Contest For 5th Grade Kentucky Artists

Fifth grade artists are being sought by Kentucky State Police to compete in the National Missing Children's Day poster contest sponsored by the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. KSP will select a nominee from Kentucky and forward it to DOJ where one poster from all state nominated entries will be selected as winner. The artist of the national winning poster will win a trip to Washington, D.C. and participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony where he or she will receive an award and a U.S. savings bond.

The theme for the contest is "Bring Our Missing Children Home."

The Kentucky nominee will receive an Award of Excellence from KSP, and the winning poster will be prominently displayed at the Kentucky State Fair in KSP's Safety Town Exhibit.

"This is a great opportunity for Kentucky fifth grade

students to participate in a national effort that promotes a child safety educational program," said Lt. David Jude, commander for the KSP Public Affairs Branch. "The poster contest and the educational activities that accompany it are designed to bring awareness to the number of children who go missing each year and serve as a reminder to both parents and students the need to be aware of potential danger. The effectiveness of the program is based on the concept that a message conveyed by a fellow student carries more weight with other students and is therefore more memorable."

Last year, 11-year-old Lauren Plowman of Waco Elementary School in Madison County was the Kentucky finalist for the poster contest.

In 2011, Kentucky had 4,520 minor children reported missing, and 179 of those cases are still active. Nationally, 800,000 children are reported missing every year.

## Students Invited To Enter Poster And Essay Contest

Agriculture Commissioner James R. Comer invites Kentucky students to create a poster or write an essay on agriculture's impact in their everyday lives in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's annual poster and essay contest.

"This year's theme is 'It All Starts with Agriculture,'" Comer said. "We enjoy an abundant and affordable food supply thanks to agriculture. But agriculture also is responsible for clothing, medications, cosmetics, motor fuel and a host of other items that enhance our quality of life. I encourage all Kentucky teachers to get their students involved in the poster and essay contest so they can learn about all the things agriculture does for them."

The contest is open to all

Kentucky students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students may submit a poster or an essay. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 10 and mailed to Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Poster and Essay Contest, 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Winners in each grade will be notified Feb. 20 and will be honored at the annual Kentucky Agriculture Day luncheon in March. Each winner will receive \$100. The winning posters and essays will be used in department publications and displayed at department events.

For information, including contest rules, contact Elizabeth McNulty at 502-564-4983 or elizabeth.mcnulty@ky.gov.

## Students Invited To Enter 'Dream Out Loud Contest'

Kentucky students in grades K-6 have a chance to win \$1,500 toward college and \$500 for their schools in the Dream Out Loud Challenge. Students are invited to submit an original drawing, poem, essay or video answering the question: "How will I change the world after I go to college?"

The challenge, sponsored by the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust, is intended to remind families that it is never too early to start saving and planning for higher education. Nine winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges. One winner will be chosen from each of three submission categories — drawing, video and essay or poem — in grades K-2, grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. The winning students will receive a \$1,500 KESPT college savings account, and their schools will win \$500. The contest runs from Jan. 16 through March 16. Entries must be postmarked by March 16

and received by March 23.

"This is the third year that we have sponsored the Dream Out Loud Challenge, and each year the response from Kentucky students has been terrific," said David Lawhorn, KESPT administrator. "The challenge provides a way to encourage children in Kentucky to dream about their future and also start the discussion of attending college at a young age — which is very beneficial for our entire state."

KESPT is Kentucky's official college savings plan and is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing. The plan helps parents, grandparents and others invest in a child's future college education.

Visit [www.kysaves.com](http://www.kysaves.com) to learn more about the challenge, including official rules and a complete description of entry requirements.



**DAWSON SPRINGS High School seniors (from left) Bobbie Jo Watson, Forrest Winters and Whitley Dillingham, received their black and silver cords that symbolize their membership in the Future Educators Association. The three seniors will wear their cords with their caps and gowns during graduation ceremonies.**

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## School Offers Assistance With Federal Student Aid

Assistance from KHEAA in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be available for Dawson Springs High School seniors and parents Jan. 26 from 2 to 6

p.m. in the school library.

Parents must sign up for 30-minute time slots.

For information, phone Lori Wooton at 797-3811, ext. 4004.

## D.S. PTO Starts Fund Raiser

The Dawson Springs Parent Teacher Organization's annual Spirit and Pride fund-raiser will begin tomorrow (Friday) and run for two weeks.

Brochures and order envelopes will go home with elementary students. Orders can also be

made any time through the end of the school year at [www.spiritandpride.com](http://www.spiritandpride.com) under customer number 180841, or search for Dawson Springs Elementary.

A portion of each order will go to the Dawson Springs PTO.



**LEADING the Dawson Springs High School Marching Band Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Governor Steve Beshear's inauguration parade in Frankfort are Brad Overby and Katie Crider.**

photo by Haley Midkiff



**MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs band performing at the official Christmas lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 11, are (from left) Sarah Allen, Allison Adams, Bradleigh Bruch and Christina Hamby.**

## Leigh Anne Tuohy Shares Her Story In Kentucky

By  
Alyssa Harvey  
The Daily News  
Bowling Green

Leigh Anne Tuohy has seen a lot of children like her son, Baltimore Ravens offensive tackle Michael Oher, whose story was told in the 2009 film "The Blind Side."

"There are Michael Oher's in every city of the United States. They just need a chance," she said. "We hope that by talking in every city, they'll get that chance. You can make investable changes for the better not only in their lives, but also your own."

Oher was raised in deep poverty but eventually came to live with the wealthy Tuohy family. The couple became his legal guardians and eventually adopted him. Oher went on to play football at the University of Mississippi and was a first-round NFL draft selection.

Tuohy will talk about her family's story as well as a variety of other things at three different Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky-sponsored events titled "An Evening with Leigh Anne."

The Bowling Green event will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Capitol Arts Center. Tickets are \$25. Her other two speaking engagements will

be at 7:30 p.m. EST Feb. 4 at the Lexington Opera House and at 1:30 p.m. EST Feb. 5 at the Brown Theatre in Louisville. To register for any of the events, visit [www.toyota-georgetown.com/women](http://www.toyota-georgetown.com/women) or call (502) 570-6252. Registrations will be confirmed, and tickets will be mailed the week of Jan. 23.

"I don't use any notes. I will probably talk about how the movie came into being, our story, our life, how you can plug yourself in and make a difference," she said. "Whatever I feel led to talk about is what I end up speaking on. We don't tell the same story. We talk about different things, what we feel like they want to hear."

The story of Tuohy and her family — which includes her husband of nearly 30 years, Sean, and their children, daughter Collins, 25, and sons Oher, 25, and Sean Jr., 18 — was featured in the 2006 Michael Lewis book "The Blind Side." The book later became a blockbuster movie.

"There was a little Hollywood in it, but they really did a good job of keeping the message," Tuohy said. "I thought they did a great job, but I wanted you to see how far Michael came in such a short amount of time. He was already a really great football player."



**THERESA NICHOL**

## Jennie Stuart Names Board Members

Theresa Nichol is the new chairwoman of the Jennie Stuart Medical Center Board of Trustees. Nichol, of Hopkinsville, was elevated from secretary-treasurer. She has served on the JSMC board for nearly five years.

Also elected to one-year terms as officers were current board trustees Ray Cobb, vice chairman; Earl Calhoun, secretary-treasurer; and Albert Wilson Sisk Jr., member at large.

## Homemakers To Meet With Beverly Seibert

The Pennyriple Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) at the home of Beverly Seibert, 570 Dolph Carlton Lane.

The lesson will be given by Jeannie Moore on Kentucky folklore and myths.

For information, phone Sharon Budd at 797-3305.



**PERFORMING during the Dawson Springs girls' basketball game against Webster Co. Friday, Dec. 2, are these members of the high school dance team (from left) Ashton Mitchell, Bobbi Jo Watson, Halee Van Vactor, Keyli Burden, Ashton Coleman, Haylie Cunningham and Marisa Trover.**



**MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School cheerleaders' pep squad are (front, from left) India Robinson, Christina Hamby, Kaila Purdy, Whitney Copeland, Courtney Copeland; (back) Keyli Burden, Kaitlyn Mense, Kristin Peek, Kendel Mitchell, Marisa Trover, Everli Mitchell, Cameron Riley and Lauren Dowd.**

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